

## Message Text

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O 050730Z SEP 76  
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6768  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 11968

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR US IS EG  
SUBJECT: ISRAELI ACTIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 6100 (B) CAIRO 11954

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE DRAFTED BY AMBASSADOR EILTS AT AIRPORT  
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE THIS MORNING.

2. I REGRET THAT LANGUAGE OF CAIRO 11954 SEEMED TO SUGGEST WHAT  
EMBASSY TEL AVIV SHOULD DO. THIS WAS NOT OUR INTENTION.  
WE WERE SIMPLY CONCERNED THAT, AS HAS BEEN SHOWN IN PAST CASES,  
MFA (AND PRESUMABLY ALLON) MIGHT NOT HAVE FULL PICTURE.

3. OUR CONCERN ABOUT ALLON'S APPARENT DESIRE TO TEMPORIZE, I.E. WAIT  
TO DISCUSS MATTER WHEN HE ARRIVES IN U.S., IS PROMPTED BY FACT  
THAT AMOCO MUST UNDER ITS CONCESSION DRILL AT LEAST ONE  
EXPLORATORYWELL IN 304 BLOCK BEFORE SEPTEMBER 21. SITE 304.1  
IS MOST WESTERLY PART OF BLOCK 304. FOR AMOCO TIME IS RUNNING  
OUT.

4. CLEARLY ISRAELI AND AMOCO/EGYPTIAN REPORTS OF WHAT HAPPENED  
YESTERDAY ARE FAR APART. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN  
ANY DELIBERATE DISTORTION OF WHAT OCCURRED UNDER VERY TENSE  
CIRCUMSTANCES. DETAILS OF INCIDENT ASIDE, FACT REMAINS THAT  
ISRAELI GUNBOATS DID "MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT" FOR AMOCO,  
AS ALLON SAID THEY WOULD, AND AMOCO WAS PREVENTED FROM  
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EXERCISING ITS RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER CONCESSION.

THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,  
AS WE UNDERSTAND IT FROM DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS, IS THAT WE RECOGNIZE  
AND SUPPORT AMOCO'S RIGHT TO DRILL IN ITS CONCESSION AREA. WE  
DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD BY FAIT ACCOMPLI BE PERMITTED  
TO OBSTRUCT THIS RIGHT AND TO DEFY THE USG TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT  
IT.

5. I THEREFORE REPEAT SUBSTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN REF  
(B).  
MATTHEWS

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